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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

FURUMOTO et al.

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For: A METHOD OF DE-  
SIGNING SEMICON-  
DUCTOR CIRCUIT AND  
A SEMICONDUCTOR  
CIRCUIT DESIGNED  
USING THE METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants request that the referenced patent  
application be amended as shown below.